

Remarks

In the Specification, page 5 has been amended to correct two spelling errors at lines 14 and 15.

In addition, the Detailed Description was amended at page 10 to include descriptions of Figures 3, 4, and 5 which was inadvertently omitted. The subject matter added by amendment is found in the original specification at page 3, lines 10 through 23, in the Summary, and was recited in claims 7, 8, 9, and 10.

The Detailed Description was amended also to include a description of Figure 9 at page 12, after line 22. The subject matter added by this amendment is found in the originally filed specification at page 4, lines 21-24.

It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by these amendments.

Figures 3, 4, and 5 were amended to add reference characters for the crown reinforcement cords, (41, 42 in Fig. 3; 51, 52 in Fig. 4; and 61, 62 in Fig. 5) for clarity of the description.

Figure 9 was amended to add reference characters (a, b) to identify the curves with the description added by amendment.

Entry of the amendments before examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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